

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Shinji UCHIDA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **February 27, 2002**

For: **SOCKET FOR CONNECTOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 27, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 10 and 11 as follows:

10. (Amended) The socket for a connector according to any of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an optical connector and the connector element is an optical element.

11. (Amended) The socket for a connector according to any of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an electric connector and the connector element is an electric connector element.

REMARKS

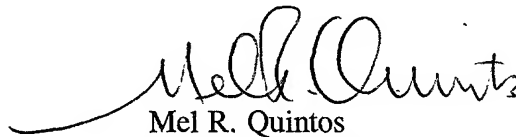
The above amendment to the claims have been made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES NAME

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 10 and 11 have been amended as follows:

10. The socket for a connector according to any of ~~Claims 1 to 9~~ Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an optical connector and the connector element is an optical element.

11. The socket for a connector according to any of ~~Claims 1 to 9~~ Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, wherein the plug is a plug for an electric connector and the connector element is an electric connector element.